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Posted: 27 November 2007 at 10:55am

Please click here first to read a witty book title and to see a face of American (late-Capitalist) contentment:

http://ecx.images-amazon.com/images/I/51Mc-mbNFtL._BO2,204,2_03,200_Plsltb-dp-500-arrow,TopRight,45,-64_OU01_AA240_SH20_.jpg

Now here is an even scarier (post-Halloween) thought (at least to me): the conglomerated owners of mainstream media ♦news♦ outlets are busy delivering ♦history♦ on the so-called History Channel. Before long, I would guess, the individual (and thus by definition faulty) memories of Americans will be subsumed by one, big, collective and ultimately irrefutable MEMRI.

♦The loving cup had made its circuit. Lifting his

hand, the President gave a signal; the chorus broke out into the third Solidarity Hymn.

❖Feel how the Greater Being comes!
Rejoice and, in rejoicings, die!
Melt in the music of the drums!
For I am you and you are I.❖❖

(Aldous Huxley, Brave New World)

The current MEMRI is probably just a rough draft.

Actually, as it is and for all of its flaws, the MEMRI channel can be quite entertaining and at times informative. More than once I have watched what was probably supposed (by the producers) to be something alarming, or, in these days of omnipresent fear, appropriately terror(fying), but which proved, at least to my at times odd sense of humor, amusing. It has been some time since I floated in the amniotic MEMRI fluid but, when last I did, I was happy to see, for instance, that they were broadcasting the redoubtable George Galloway who was, in the words of one of America's new litterateurs, Donald Trump (see above link), definitely thinking big and kicking ass. Galloway had taken Rupert Murdoch (by way of one of his hair-sprayed reporters on Sky News) to the mat and had pinned them in a full nelson. It was brilliant and worth the price of admission.

And so I say, once again, thanks Yigal Carmon and others for at least some of the MEMRIs.

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Tabloid headline: Hillary Clinton is the downclasswhite reincarnation of Gertrude Bell and has a new blackplanwhite for Iraq!

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Downoh! Speaking of faulty (individual) memories, maybe that particular contest was broadcast on YouTube. Anyway, Galloway sometimes is the featured cut and chopped blackguestwhite at MEMRI and, when he is, it is worth attending. I once also watched a passionate and informed Saudi (ex-national) feminist author, whose name I do not recall, in a video clip and enjoyed it, even if it was arguably broadcast for partisan, propagandistic purposes.

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In the future, everyone will access the same discussion group, but all they will say is
↳hi.↳

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Posted: 28 November 2007 at 2:09am

Servetus, good to find you back here again. Funnily enough, our neighbourhood sectarian hoodlum Sawtul just posted a clip from Al-Jazeera translated by MEMRI.

I still can't get over it. I suppose you've seen this?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/elsewhere/journalist/story/0,,7732,58,00.html>

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Post Posted: 06 December 2007 at 2:23pm

Thanks, Abuayisha and Duende:

Quote:

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Yes. I saw it. I almost used it as a springboard, as an opportunity to post a dramatic paragraph or two on the great MEMRI, but decided, instead, to create this little thread of my own and to do it here.

By the way, are you sure that the URL you posted is the one that you meant? I hadn't seen it. Speaking of things to see (and read), this one, straight from the sharp tongue of Justin Raimondo (at antiwar.com), is, to me, one of his classics, a characteristically acerbic political commentary directed against the once-credible, now degenerate because neo-conned, National Review. It, too, is worth its price of admission:

<http://www.antiwar.com/justin?articleid=12005>

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My summation of neo-conservatism: without bombs bursting in air there is no proof that our flag is still there.

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Posted: 07 December 2007 at 1:00am

"By the way, are you sure that the URL you posted is the one that you meant?"

Sorry Serv, obviously not!

I wanted to post this:

Selective Memri

Brian Whitaker investigates whether the 'independent' media institute that translates the Arabic newspapers is quite what it seems

Monday August 12, 2002

But my hyperlink thingy seems to have a mind of its own.

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Posted: 07 December 2007 at 2:40pm

Thanks for the article, Duende. I had not seen it. I became aware of MEMRI's dodgy mode of operating not only when I first watched it but also when Juan Cole took them to task for their, well, let's call them highly interpretive translations of some of Ahmadinejad's more poetical, oblique and, it is argued, threatening references to Israel.

Brian Whitaker (The Guardian) wrote:

Among the other three [co-founders and people behind MEMRI], one served in the Israeli army's Northern Command Ordnance Corps and the sixth is a former stand-up comedian.

Has anyone seen Woody Allen recently? Concerning this last bit, or unnamed person, it's no wonder, then, that some of the stuff that MEMRI broadcasts is often rather more amusing than alarming. Whoever this under-employed stand-up comedian is, I think that MEMRI should give him the microphone a little more often.

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You might all be pleased to know that I have been floating in the amniotic fluid of MEMRI and, during a particularly deep breath, choked on this one, a classic, from George Galloway. He is one of those rare species of vertebrate politicians ♦that is to say, a politician with a spine- and I wish we had a few like him here, in the States.

This is how Yigal Carmon and the dodgy blokes at MEMRI entitle the video clip:

♦British MP George Galloway Expresses Admiration of Saddam Hussein and Gamal Abd Al-Nasser and Refers to Bush and Blair as "Dogs"♦

This is doubtless how we, as readers, are supposed to respond: Shocked

This is (part of) what the very funny Mr. Galloway says:

♦ I have for 21 years sat in the British Parliament, the scene of many crimes. I had to sit in the same room for many years as Mr. Tony Blair ♦ the peace envoy, don't you know! ... You know, in history, the Roman Emperor Caligula appointed his horse a minister in the government of Rome ... Not since Caligula made his horse a minister has there been a more inappropriate appointment as the appointment of Tony Blair as the peace envoy to the Middle East ♦♦

This, then, is how I actually respond: LOL

And so, in closing, I must once again thank Yigal Carmon for bringing us the best show in town! And no, Mr. Carmon, I will not donate to your non-profit (organization), however much fun I have watching the program. I think that MOSSAD, or whatever agency it is that is behind your website, probably has plenty of money as it is.

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Ref: http://www.memritv.org/clip_transcript/en/1773.htm

I suspect that Democracy is a conspiracy designed to thwart my political will to power.

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Posted: 13 June 2008 at 9:59pm

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He graciously conceded the fact, upon which I took his hand and told him the truth: I admire you greatly.

Lovely people

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"Galloway Goes to Washington" was an Oscar-Winning Performance!

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Originally posted by Duende Duende wrote:

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AHAH!!! Got you there!!! Your profile says you are in SPAIN but you say you met Galloway in MANCHESTER which is in Britain.

Remember all the fuss you and Whisper made about my profile and location?? Whisper made the same mistake too as he claimed to be in Pakistan while his profile said some other place (I think it was also Spain).

Remember you accused me of being a liar just for having a different country on my profile (even though I told everyone that I dont really live there).

So by your own logic, you are a Liar!!!Ouch

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Posted: 17 June 2008 at 9:58pm

Calm down Sawtul. You know very well this is not the same thing as changing your location in your profile two or three times in the space of as many posts.

Two or three weeks ago, I took something called a 'plane' and ended up in Manchester. By some divine coincidence walking along the street, I came across Mr. Galloway.

Now, there's a man of convictions. And not afraid to speak of them in highly public places, and at risk of imprisonment and worse. He does not hide behind false identities

nor have a need to broadcast his theories in amateur videos on YouTube. He has fought for, and won, a prominent public position which he uses tirelessly to bring to the world's attention the most uncomfortable situations, compromising his colleagues and even his job and his life.

Highjacking this thread with this childish outburst is more evidence of your own shortcomings.

My profile remains the same, I had no reason to pretend to be here, there or anywhere else. Unlike you.

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Originally posted by Duende Duende wrote:

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Actually I changed it AFTER telling everyone that my profile was deliberately faked. Someone said that it doesn't matter if I fake my profile so long as I dont give a Muslim country for some reason, I didnt quite understand what he meant but I changed it to a non-Muslim country afterwards but some (meaning you) still thought I was really from there for some reason so I changed it again.

I also deliberately gave my profile a very unrealistic age and wrote "Mr X" for my

username so that no one would be actually fooled into thinking my profile was real, but for some strange reason you and Whisper thought I was really pretending to be a 90 year old man named Mr X living in Afghanistan...!

But in any case as soon as I was asked about my profile I said that I have deliberately faked it.

Originally posted by Duende Duende wrote:

Highjacking this thread with this childish outburst is more evidence of your own shortcomings.

LOL you're hilarious! That's exactly what you and Whisper did over and over and over again!

My purpose was actually to show how childish you and Whisper were two years ago when you kept doing this, and how illogical and naive you were to think I was actually pretending to be a 90 year old Afghan on the internet... even after I said that Im not!

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